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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Blue Granite Water Company's Request for Approval of Wastewater Agreements

Docket No. 2021-96-S

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("PSC") that ORS has reviewed and does not object to the filing submitted by Blue Granite Water Company ("BGWC" or the "Company") for Request for Approval of Wastewater Agreement ("Agreement") between BGWC and Shoals Landing, LLC ("Shoals Landing").

Overview of Company's Request

BGWC requests the Commission's approval of the Agreement between BGWC and Shoals Landing. The Agreement is related to approximately 21.81 acres (Tax Parcel No. R03209-01-62) located in Richland County and 36.68 acres (Tax Parcel No. 001800-01-004), located in Lexington County off Irmo Drive, Irmo, South Carolina 29212 (the "Property"). BGWC also requests that such approval without the need for notice or hearings is appropriate in this case. The Agreement relates only to wastewater facilities and wastewater distribution facilities to serve the Property (i.e., it does not include water facilities).

Per the Agreement, the Property is projected to ultimately consist of one hundred and sixty (160) single family homes having an estimated daily wastewater usage of 48,000 gpd when completed based on South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's ("DHEC") guideline of 300 gpd per home. The developer desires to develop the property in an undetermined number of phases. The current agreement is limited to Phase 2 consisting of forty-nine (49) lots, having an estimated daily wastewater usage of 14,700 gpd when completed. Shoals Landing

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desires BGWC to provide wastewater utility service within the Property and BGWC desires to provide wastewater utility service according to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

A Satellite Sewer Agreement ("SSA") exists between BGWC and the City of Columbia, South Carolina ("City"), which was executed on July 30, 2018 and was approved by the Commission through Order No. 2018-682 in Docket No. 2018-256-S. The SSA establishes a Capacity Assurance Program ("CAP") which requires BGWC to obtain approval from the City before adding additional customers in order to ensure the City has the available treatment capacity needed to service the new customers. However, BGWC previously provided documentation to ORS which confirmed that the CAP is not applicable to the development in this immediate docket.

ORS Recommendation

The Agreement was executed on February 12, 2021 and filed with the Commission on March 16, 2021. ORS reviewed the filing of this Agreement and determined that the filing of this Agreement complies with S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-541.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Nelson

cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)
David Butler, Esquire (via e-mail)